

MNC-5130
08 January 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report -- Nicosia Bureau -- December

I. GENERAL

A. Most of the work on the new building site during December centered on pouring concrete and excavating. Little work was done toward the end of the month because of the variety of holidays celebrated by the Cypriots. At month's end the ground beams for the building, a critical phase of the construction process, had been poured. But our initial inspection of this work indicated that the contractor failed to meet the construction specifications for the groundbeams and we face the prospect of ordering all this work demolished and done again, all of which will cause delays and raise tempers on all sides. A security specialist visited us for two days to assist us in ordering security-related items. He also viewed the construction process of our perimeter wall and recommended some minor revisions of existing plans to improve safety and access control to the building.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. According to a report in the 3 December issue of ALITHIA, a right-wing Cypriot newspaper not on regular bureau coverage, police have obtained information that terrorist attacks against foreign embassies, particularly those of the United States and Israel, are to be launched by "kamikaze" pilots in planes that have "disappeared" from Beirut airport. Security personnel at the local Embassy were apprised of this report and of the subsequent terse denial by the government spokesman, published in the 5 December issue of O FILELEVETHEROS, that the Cypriot Government has no such information.

2. Staffing changes were instituted and bureau operating hours extended on 9 December to cover the election returns from the previous day's voting for new members in the Cypriot House of Representatives.

3. On 30 December, Beirut radio reported that Lebanese television has begun to unify its sect-separated first and second programs, previously transmitted from two different facilities: Tallat al-Khayyat in West Beirut and Al-Hazimiyah in the eastern sector of Beirut.

B. Technical

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1. Our project to install a beverage antenna at the [redacted] remote site continues to limp along. CYTA is still trying to obtain signatures for pole rights to the last remaining section of land in the antenna's proposed path. The owners have been abroad for some time and their return is awaited. We keep being told that resolution of the problem is near, but we have no firm date except that the antenna can be installed within two months of the signatures being obtained.

2. CYTA has instituted a new policy on the funding of projects. Henceforth, one-half of the projected costs of a project must be paid in advance before work can be started.

3. Equipment received: Two Watkins-Johnson VHF receivers, model 441-3-2, received from Washington. Both will be used at the Lara remote site.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. [redacted] successfully completed her 3-month training STAT and departed 15 December.

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2. Editor [redacted] left the island on 19 December for stateside R&R.

B. Visitors

1. DC/Ops [redacted], "passing through" airport on 17 STAT December.

2. [redacted] 15-17 December. STAT

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Bureau Chief
Nicosia Bureau

ATTACHMENT: Production Report

Nicosia Bureau Production Report for December 1985

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	215760
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	69590
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	724

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	8565.00 min.	22260.00 min.	117.00 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

CHINA			
Beijing in			
Persian to Iran	0		
CLANDESTINE (LEVANT)			
(Clandestine) Radio Free Lebanon in			
Arabic	9030		
(Clandestine) Voice of the Mountain in			
Arabic	6300		
CYPRUS			
Nicosia Domestic Service in			
Greek	9770		
Nicosia Domestic Service in			
English	150		
*Nicosia Television Service in			
Greek	690		
*Nicosia ALITHIA in			330
Greek			
Nicosia Cyprus MAIL in			180
English			
Nicosia ELEVTHEROTIPIA in			1130
Greek			
Nicosia I SIMERINI in			400
Greek			
Nicosia I SIMERINI tis DHEFTERAS in			330
Greek			
Nicosia KHARAVYI in			1300
Greek			
Nicosia KHARAVYI tis DHEFTERAS in			500
Greek			
*Nicosia O AGON in			270
Greek			

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Nicosia O FILELEVTHEROS in Greek			1980
Nicosia O FILELEVTHEROS tis DHEFTERAS in Greek			0
*Nicosia PRESS AND INFORMATION OFFICE in English			1300
EGYPT			
Cairo Domestic Service in Arabic	18480		
Cairo MENA in Arabic		40940	
Cairo MENA in English		1270	
FRANCE			
Paris AFP in English		24560	
GREECE			
Athens Domestic Service in Greek	10650		
Athens ATHENS NEWS in English			2050
Athens ELEVTHEROTIPIA in Greek			2860
Athens I KATHIMERINI in Greek			0
Athens KIRIAKATIKI ELEVTHEROTIPIA in Greek			0
Athens RIZOSPASTIS in Greek			4410
IRAQ			
Baghdad in Persian to Iran	0		
LEBANON			
Beirut Domestic Service in Arabic	32720		
*Beirut Domestic Service in English	750		
Beirut Voice of Lebanon in Arabic	20660		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Beirut Ihdin Radio of Free & Unified Lebanon in Arabic	210		
Beirut AL_NAHAR in Arabic			630
Beirut AL_SAFIR in Arabic			420
Beirut MONDAY MORNING in English			6040
 LIBYA			
Tripoli Domestic Service in Arabic	2120		
 TURKEY			
Ankara YANKI in Turkish			0
* (Editorial Report in Turkish)			1280
*Istanbul BULVAR in Turkish			380
Istanbul CUMHURIYET in Turkish			2660
Istanbul DUNYA in Turkish			0
Istanbul GUNAYDIN in Turkish			930
*Istanbul GUNES in Turkish			280
Istanbul HURRIYET in Turkish			2400
Istanbul MILLIYET in Turkish			1140
Istanbul TERCUMAN in Turkish			1080
 UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow in Greek to Cyprus	330		
Moscow in Persian to Iran	2850		